THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) No. Sir. However, a proposal to consider release of an amount of Rs. 7 crores towards corpus of a fund to North Eastern Council (NEC) which aims at bringing about qualitative improvements, innovations and required modifications and enhancement of infrastructure in the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors of education in the North Eastern Region is being examined.

Proposals pending before AICTE

1162. SHRI N. RAJENDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news-item in the Tamil daily 'Dinamalar' dated 9th November, 1997 regarding proposals from twenty two New Self Financing Engineering Colleges of Tamil Nadu State is pending before the AICTE for sanction for the year 1997-98;

(b) if so, whether the said colleges have completed all the formalities laid down by the AICTE;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has considered all the 22 proposals for establishment of new self-financing Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu and has approved 13 out of them which have complied with all the requirements of the Council. The other 9 Engineering Colleges have not complied with the regulations and hence they have not been accorded approval for the session 1997-98. Thus no proposal regarding establishment of self-financing Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu for the session 97-98 is pending with the Council.

Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu

1163. SHRI N. RAJENDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Engineering Colleges existing in Tamil Nadu and how many new engineering colleges have been sanctioned in the State for the year 1996-97;

(b) whether there is any competent authority existing at the State level to monitor the facilities and performances of the institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) There are 108 Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu, out of which 10 institutions have been approved for the session 1996-97. The facilities and performance of these institutions are monitored by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through its Regional Committee at Chennai.

Inauguration of Commercial Complex Near Qutub

1164. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a commercial complex was inaugurated on 8th November, 1997 within 300 metres of a protected monument viz., the Qutub complex which is a world heritage site also;

(b) if so, where from the permission was granted; and

(c) what action the Ministry has taken or contemplates against the violators?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No application for permission was received by Archaeological Survey of India. Necessary action has been taken up under the provisions of the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959.

Corruption in KVS

1165. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some MPs had, in August/September, 1997 requested him in writing to give some time when they could apprise him of widespread corruption prevailing and spreading in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that they have not been granted coveted time as yet;

(c) if so, whether it has sent correct signals among peoples' representatives; and

(d) if so, the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Relocation of IIAS

1166. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any fresh thinking regarding the decision to relocate the Indian Institute of Advanced Study away from its present premises for the past 30 years at Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla in view of the constant agitation from the employees' association of the Institute and its fellows; and

(b) whether the merit of the proposal that a new campus could be developed on the 65 acres of area around the Rashtrapati Nivas which falls outside the Heritage zone has been considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Certain suggestions received in this respect are engaging the attention of the Government.

राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि की स्थापना

1167. **डा० महेश चन्द्र शर्मा:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत संस्कृति विभाग ने एक "राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि" की स्थापना की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो "राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि" के लिए कितना केन्द्रीय बजट आवंटन किया गया है;

(ग) क्या "राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि" एक सरकारी क्षेत्र का उपक्रम है;

(घ) "राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि" को केन्द्रीय बजट के अतिरिक्त किस-किस प्रत्येक अन्य स्रोत से कितनी-कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है; और

(ङ) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान "राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि" द्वारा किन-किन संगठनों को कितना-कितना अनुदान अथवा ऋण उपलब्ध कराया गया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री एस० आर० बोम्मई): (क) भारत सरकार, मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने दिनांक 28 नवंबर 1996 के भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण में प्रकाशित अधिसूचना के तहत राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि (संक्षेप में रा० सं० नि०) की स्थापना की है।

(ख) संस्कृति विभाग ने 1996-97 के दौरान अपने योजनागत बजट में से राष्ट्रीय निधि को 2 करोड़ रुपये का अंशदान किया है। अधिसूचना जिसके तहत राष्ट्रीय